

APPENDIX

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1. (Amended) A belt for a material web producing machine, comprising:
a plurality of long-chain strength supports composed of a metallic material and
arranged to form interstices; and
a filler at least partially filling the interstices to make said belt fluid impermeable.
15. (Amended) The belt of claim [14] 1, wherein the fluid is a liquid.
16. (Amended) A [The] belt [of claim 1, further comprising] for a material web
producing machine, comprising:
a plurality of long-chain strength supports arranged to form interstices;
a filler at least partially filling the interstices; and
beadlike protuberances located at peripheral regions of the belt.
25. (Amended) A process for producing a belt, comprising:
forming a sheet from a plurality of long-chain strength supports composed of a
metallic material, the sheet comprising a plurality of interstices disposed between the long-
chain strength supports; and
filling at least a portion of the interstices with a filler, whereby the sheet is made fluid
impermeable.
39. (Amended) A sealing belt for [guiding] a dryer in a machine for producing
a material web, comprising:

a flexible woven metal screen;

the woven metal screen comprising metal filaments running in a longitudinal direction, the metal filaments crossing one another so as to form interstices; and

a filler which at least partially fills the interstices to form a fluid impermeable screen.

43. (Amended) A [The] process [of claim 42, further comprising:] for producing a belt, comprising:

forming a sheet from a plurality of metal filaments running in a longitudinal direction, the sheet comprising a plurality of interstices disposed between filaments;

disposing metal filaments perpendicular to the longitudinal direction and within the interstices;

filling at least a portion of the interstices with a plastic filler;

scraping a portion of the filler from at least one surface of the sheet to expose the metal filaments;

curing the filler; and

grinding the at least one surface.